

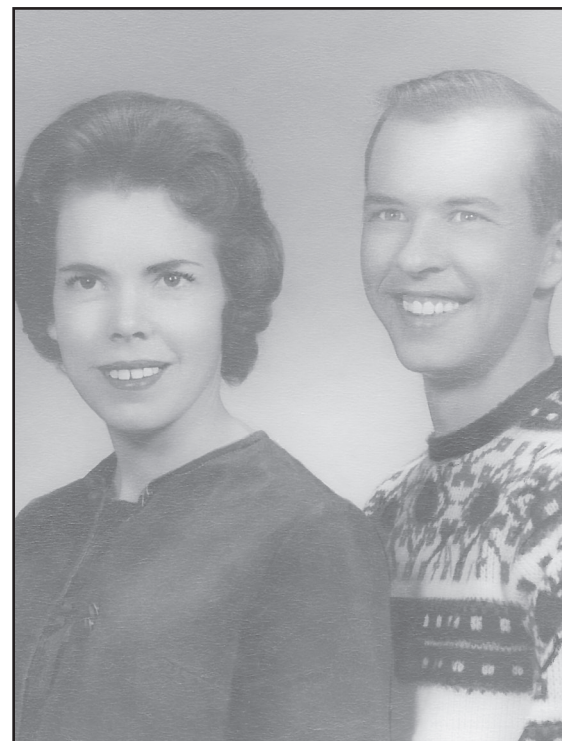
Casey's Comments

By Casey McCormick
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 With the beginning of the "season of giving," it's good to see people who really mean it. A great example of someone who gives above and beyond is Gary Sinise. Using the character that the actor is best known for, Sinise has found a way to show this appreciation for America's fighting men and women. In the 1994 film Forrest Gump, he played the roll of Lt. Dan. Besides acting he also is a pretty decent bass guitar player and has

attracted other talented musicians and singers to form the Lt. Dan Band. This group does play in concert halls around the country, but about 75 percent of their performances are for U.S.O., charities and benefits. The band entertains soldiers and uses its music to say "thank you" both at home and abroad. While others claim to give back and make token efforts, Gary Sinise and the Lt. Dan Band goes that extra mile to show they truly care.



Mr. and Mrs. Don Ayre



Couple to celebrate anniversary

Former Bird City residents and business owners, Don and Anita (Robinson) Ayre are celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary. They were married Dec. 8, 1962. Faith and commitment to Christ has been their marriage major,

with a minor in "hard work" and "never give up!" Don and Anita have four children: Annette Collison, Axtell, Neb.; Sheila Smith, Holdrege, Neb.; Douglas Ayre, Larned; and Dyrck Ayre, Hays. They also have

23 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. Their family is asking that friends remember them cards of congratulations addressed to 1075 Hwy. 54, Redfield, KS 66769.

Organization selling gift baskets

This is the third year for the Cheyenne County Big Brothers Big Sisters organization to raise money by selling tickets on gift baskets. Baskets will be comprised of items donated by businesses in Cheyenne County. Last year, there were 31 businesses donating over \$1,300 in items and gift certificates. The members put together 18 gift baskets to be given away. Forty local businesses have already generously donated over \$2,000 in merchandise and gift certificates for this year's baskets, said Bridgette Antholz, one of the coordinators. One basket contains \$350 cash along with other goodies and, we still have donations coming in.

Baskets will be on display at Donna's Gift Palace, United Methodist Thrift Store, Bankwest of Kansas and Western State Bank from Nov. 19 to Dec. 17. The drawing will be held on Dec. 17. Ticket are on sale for \$5 each or five for \$20. Tickets are available at Bankwest, First National Bank, Western State Bank, and county Big Brothers Big Sisters board members: Bridgette Antholz, Margyre Antholz, Nathan Boyer, Holly Bryan, Dan Carson, Melissa Dart, Darla Dible, Cara Hunt and Kim Queen. Items making up the gift baskets came from Park Hill, Glenda Krien, St. Francis Equity, Stuart's Jewelry, Donna's Gift Palace, The Flower

Shoppe, Krien's Pharmacy, St. Francis Bumper to Bumper, Saintry Liquor, Captian Hook's, Diamond R, CK Hair Design, Grace Flying Service, Bird City Diner, Hot Brush, Beauty Box, Active Balance Chiropractic and Acupuncture, Big Ed's, Hometown Market, McDonald Lions, 2nd Beginnings Thrift Store, Nancy Semler, McCarty Dairy, Monty's Beef Jerkey, Designs by Dawn, Century II, Wright Insurance, Cuppa Joes, Lacy Reed, Jolene Dodd, Carol Gamblin, Rachel Morris, Stephane Workman, Sharissa Andrist, Bridgette Antholz, Uptown Market, RVVC, NAPA, Bella's Market, The Classic Rose, The Saint Francis Herald-Bird City Times.

Letter to the Editor

New Voting Method Proposed Letter to the Editor:
 The Cheylin Board of Education would like to inform our patrons of a proposal to change the method of election. You may have noticed in the paper there will be an election on Dec. 11, 2012, to put forth a vote to allow all voters to vote for all candidates in both the general and primary elections so that all members will be elected at large. Our current election process is two districts, with three board members in each district, and one board member at large. We are proposing

this as our population is declining and feel this is a better way to serve our school district. Cheyenne County voters will vote at the Methodist Church in Bird City, and McDonald voters will vote at the McDonald gymnasium cafeteria. Voting hours will be from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. at both locations. You may do advance voting at the Cheyenne County Court House. If anyone has questions you can contact Mr. Bolen at 785-734-2341. Bruce Bolen Cheylin Superintendent Bird City

Cheylin Senior Citizens Christmas dinner
 Cheylin's Senior Citizens' Christmas dinner will be held Wednesday, Dec. 5, at noon in the high school gym. This dinner is open to all senior citizens. Reservations must be made by Nov. 29 by calling Deanna 734-2351.
Senior birthday dinner and potluck
 Monday, Dec. 10, is the senior citizens' birthday dinner. Because the potluck falls on Christmas Eve it was decided to combine the potluck and the birthday

dinner. Don't miss this special celebration at noon instead of the later time.
Hunter safety class
 Cheylin Recreation Commission will be holding a hunter safety class in November. Those interested can call 785 734-7141 and leave the name and phone number so materials can be ordered. Dates and time for class will be announced later. Those taking the class must be 12 years of age or older.
Hospital Guild
 Cheyenne County Hospital Guild will meet at 2 p.m. on Monday, Dec. 3, at the senior center in St. Francis. The St. Francis high school music department under the direction of Debbie Fiala will present the program. The hostesses are Janet Mahlberg, Nancy Weinstein and Jo Ford.
Kansans for Life
 The Cheyenne County Kansans for Life will meet Monday, Dec. 3, at the First Christian Church in St. Francis, beginning at 7:30 p.m. All in the community are invited to join in prayer, learning and fellowship as we work together to provide "Life for All."
Commissioners
 Cheyenne County Commissioners will meet at 8 a.m. on Friday, Nov. 30, in the commissioners' room in the courthouse.
Information needed
 To better serve the cattlemen of Cheyenne County, the sheriff's office is requesting landowners and stockmen provide locations, brands, descriptions and a contact phone number pertaining to livestock in pastures, grazed stock residue and CRP within the county. The officers will compile the contact numbers and locations, giving a copy to the county communications dispatch office to be used when stray livestock are found on the roads. The contact numbers are for officers' use only and will not be provided to the general public. Call the sheriff's office at 785-332-8880.
Story Time Hour
 Because of the holidays coming up, there will be no Story Time Hour until after the first of the year. Keep an eye out, Story Time Hour will be trying some new programs.
Bingo
 The American Legion Auxiliary in Bird City will be conducting bingo games the first and third Saturdays of the month. Due to the extensive remodeling at the Legion hall, Bingo will be held at Bird City Senior Center until further notice.
Yearbook photos
 The Cougar yearbook staff at Cheylin welcomes the public to share any photos taken at school or community events that might be usable in the yearbook this school year...a limited staff will make covering all events difficult. Sports, clubs and organizations, assemblies, banquets, class activities including pre-kindergarten through 12th grade.
Wesleyan service
 The Wesleyan Community Church of Bird City is having Sunday evening services, starting at 6 p.m. There will be Contemporary Praise and Worship, followed by interactive preaching and Bible study.
Grief Support Group
 The Grief Support Group will continue to meet every second and fourth Mondays at 2 p.m.

Meeting place is the Immanuel United Methodist Church, 116 E. Fourth, Bird City. For more information, call 785-734-2739.
 The group is a confidential support to all who have experienced the loss of a loved one in a safe place of mutual help and comfort.
Emergency number
 The new phone number for Cheyenne County Communications Center (Dispatch) for non-emergency calls: 785-332-8822, Dial 9-1-1 for an emergency.
Narcotics Anonymous
 Narcotics Anonymous meet-

ings are held at 104 W Webster/Methodist Education Building on Thursday nights at 7:30 p.m. Contact (785) 342-0028.
Northwest Kansas Family Shelter
 Northwest Kansas Family Shelter provides 24-hour-7 day-a-week service to victims of domestic violence and sexual assault. Weekly support groups are available for women and children within the northwest Kansas area. For information or in need of assistance, please call the toll-free number 1-800-794-4624.

School Menu

School Menu Monday
 Breakfast: breakfast bake, mandarin oranges, toast and milk.
 Lunch: chicken tetrazzini, corn, fresh strawberries, angel biscuit with jelly, romaine and tomato salad, apricots, peaches and milk.
Tuesday
 Breakfast: egg taco with salsa, pineapple chunks, cereal and milk.
 Lunch: country style beef patty, mashed potatoes with gravy, wheat roll with jelly, spinach salad, pears, fruit cocktail and milk.

Wednesday
 Breakfast: banana wraps, orange wedge, yogurt, cereal and milk.
 Lunch: goulash, steamed carrots, gelatin made with fruit juice, romaine and tomato salad, pineapple chunks, applesauce and milk.
Thursday
 Breakfast: breakfast sundaes, string cheese, toast, juice and milk.
 Lunch: taco burger on bun, refried beans, black bean and corn salsa with corn nacho chips, spinach salad, pears, tropical fruit and milk.

South of McDonald

By Sandy Binning
 Kathy Banister took her Brewster Scholars Bowl Team to Goodland last Thursday where they placed third. David Banister was a Sunday evening and supper guest of his parents, George and Kathy Banister. Kathy Banister took the Brewster Scholars Bowl Teams to Wheatland/Grinnell on Nov. 12. The junior varsity team took fourth place. Jamie and Debbie Banister arrived last Tuesday evening at the home of their parents, George and Kathy Banister. David Banister joined his parents, George and Kathy Banister and his sisters, Jamie and Debbie for a pre-Thanksgiving supper last Wednesday evening. Thanksgiving Day dinner guests of George and Kathy Banister were David Banister and Uncle Donnie Banister. On Thursday, Debbie and Jamie Banister drove to Andale to visit Amanda and Brandon Winter and Avery. George and Kathy Banister joined them on Friday and Saturday. Kathy and George called on Uncle Jack and Aunt Ann Kruse in Wichita Saturday morning.

Saturday guests at the Binning Ranch. John Binning was a Wednesday through Sunday guest. Joe and Charlene Kramer, and Dennis and Elda Kramer and girls were in Ozawie for Thanksgiving with Leon and Nancy Brunton and other friends and relatives. Saturday evening, Joe and Charlene Kramer attended a Sons and Brothers Concert at the Old Town Barn in Burlington, Colo. Charlene's cousin, Johnny Neill is a member of the group. Wednesday through Sunday guests of Craig and Diane Cox were Jeff and Ginger Montgomery and children of St. Joe, Mo., Mark and Catina Montgomery and children of Denver, and Brad and Misty Montgomery and children of Edmond, Okla. Mark and Merilee Gundlach and children and Rita Officer called on Craig and Diane Cox and family Friday afternoon. Tom and Kelly Dewey and children were Thanksgiving dinner guests of Jim and Shelly Brungardt of Hays.

Bird City News

Visitors in the Ed Carson home for Thanksgiving were Greg Carson, Shawn and Amy Carson, Mahir and Matias from Phoenix, Ariz., and Dan and Dianna Carson.

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Wreck it Ralph 3D
 Nov. 30, Dec. 1 & 2 Action/Adventure/Animated
 John C. Reilly, Jack McBrayer, Jane Lynch PG
CHEYENNE THEATER St. Francis, KS 785-332-2747
 Children 12 & Under: \$4 All Others: \$6
 3D Movies: Children 12 & Under \$5 All Others: \$7

Thank You
 Thank you for your support during the recent election.
 Jeanne Dunn,
 Cheyenne County Register of Deeds
 Pol Adv pd for by Jeanne Dunn

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